GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5941
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2000
REPRESENTATION FROM FCI RETD. EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION
SUSHIL KUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received a representation from the FCI Retd. Employees Welfare Association (Western Zon

(e) requesting for one more option to retired employees of the erstwhile regional director FCI who were transferred from the department of Food to the FCI

(b) if so, whether their demand is in accordance with the assurance given to such transfers by the Government that their service conditions as Central Government employees would not be miserably affected

(c) if so, whether they had been denied the option to opt for pension scheme in place of CPF scheme as given to other Government employees; and

(d) if so, the decision taken on the recent representation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Association has requested for one more option not only to the retired employees but also to those who are still in service and had opted for FCI terminal benefits at the time of their transfer to the FCI.

(b) & (c): No, Sir.

(d) In 1990, the FCI Employees Union had filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking its direction to give further option to these employees for switching over to pensionary scheme instead of the earlier option for CPF scheme.The Hon`ble Supreme Court did not find any merit in the petition and had observed that `The petitioners are not entitled to the benefit of pension since they had already exercised their option for CPF scheme.There is no merit in the writ petition, it is accordingly dismissed.` In the light of the above, the request cannot be acceded to.